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Will Feds move EI recipients here for work?

Labour. Premier Brad Wall suggests measures to promote mobility are on federal EI agenda, despite government denials

A new study from the Human Resources Department suggests Ottawa is looking at ways to get people receiving employment insurance to move to other regions with more jobs.

Such measures would go beyond the Harper government's new policy that appears to require that some EI recipients take unfilled jobs — but only in their own region. Premier Brad Wall suspects there is more to this than meets the eye.

A focus group study, completed in January, suggests that some proposed financial incentives, such as reimbursement for moving expenses or for travel costs to a job interview, were enthusiastically received by EI clients surveyed.

The research, ordered shortly after the Conservatives won a majority, required the survey company to determine "what type of migration incentives could encourage to accept a job that requires a residential move?"

One "concept is to reimburse moving expenses for unemployed people who have moved and found a permanent job in another region," says the final report, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

The study did not explore whether the prospect of being cut off from EI benefits might also encourage a move to other regions, but focused instead on cost reimbursement.

However the proposed amendments, buried in the government's omnibus budget bill, contain no details or definitions, simply empowering the minister to change regulations without parliamentary scrutiny.

A spokeswoman for Human Resources Minister Diane Finley tried to distance the minister from the newly released study. "This research was commissioned by the department without the knowledge of the minister," Alyson Queen said in an email.

But Saskatchewan's premier suggested measures to promote mobility are indeed on the federal EI agenda.

"There are ... some built-in disincentives for people in certain parts of the country to go where there is a labour shortage in other parts of the country," Brad Wall said at the legislature in Regina on Thursday.

"So we're hearing in principle anyway that they're looking at those changes and that they may be announcing something soon."

Wall said he pressed Prime Minister Stephen Harper for EI changes in the winter, to help alleviate worker shortages in Saskatchewan. The premier led a delegation to Ireland earlier this year to find workers for about 275 unfilled jobs in the province.

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Creators and co-writers Daniel Redenbach, left, and Tyson Off discuss a scene while filming their controversial comedy web series, Gunderson, in Yorkton in August 2011. Story on page 3. CRAIG BOLIZUK/CONTRIBUTED

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Boy finds more than beef in Arby's sandwich

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Mobile news

Doctors in the U.S. are slowly ditching their prescription pads and pens in favour of e-prescribing. About one-third of doctors are going electronic, which the government says is safer and cheaper. Scan the code for the story.

Champ looking to defend Bikes on Broadway crown

May 19-21. Race likely to attract 100 of some of Western Canada's top cyclists

When Christian Jensen won the Bikes on Broadway stage race last year, he became the second cyclist from Saskatchewan in the event's 22-year history to win the three-day event and now, he wants to keep the title in Saskatoon.

"I've been riding all winter and I've been training in places like Tucson and Barbados since March, so I feel confident and I feel strong," said Jensen. "Really, you can't go into it having doubts cause if you're going to do that, you might as well just stay home."

He continued, "If you're out to win, you have to have that mindset and I have that mindset — I've done it once before and I'm hoping to do it again."

Jensen said the fact that he's defending his BOB title — which has attracted riders from B.C., Alberta and Manitoba in the past — is special as his loved ones will be at the event, running from May 19 to 21.

"I think it may be a little extra incentive to defend it on your home turf — I'll have some family members out watching ... so it's definitely a different feeling it's one I think adds a little more octane in the engine."

And Jensen will need it, with the longest road race circuit at 114-km, organizers say BOB is an event that riders wait for all year.

"It's not a fun race — It's a race racers go to prove how good they are," said race organizer, Janice Matus.

Matus said they're expecting roughly 100 participants in this year's race and alongside attracting some of western Canada's top cyclist, BOB also serves as a kick off event for Saskatchewan's cycling community.

"It is the largest event, obviously, for our hometown cyclists here in Saskatchewan," she said. "It's the first big event of the season, so it get's everybody going."

She continued, "It's something everybody looks forward to."

BOB is divided into three stages: the time trial, the road race and a criterium — a high-speed race through Saskatoon's city streets and since the event's inaugural race in 1990 participation has doubled.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Cycling champ Christian Jensen said he's confident he can defend his title in the province's biggest stage race.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

No support for tuition hikes: USSU president

USSU President Jared Brown

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With plans to cut $44.5 million dollars out of its annual spending over four years, the University of Saskatchewan is looking at every expense with a fine-toothed comb. For students' union president Jared Brown, ensuring that tuition and quality of education stay the same is top priority.

"The USSU is very attentive going forward and cognisant of how this will affect students," said Brown. "I don't think they should solve their problem by raising tuition. I'm not going to support that."

In a town hall meeting yesterday, acting vice-president academic Greg Fowler explained that savings and cuts of $9.5 million presented to the board of governors last month was a response to a looming deficit of $15.5 million for the forthcoming year.

"I'm happy that they've been able to identify pressures early on," said Brown. "We're going to keep a dialog open. Continue to stress that we find alternatives to increased tuition or changing the standards of education."

Some of the cuts announced yesterday include cutting back on funding increases to individual colleges and a $2.5 million permanent deletion from the operating budget.

"What's going to happen to our programming? We're just going to have to speculate. It's too early to tell," said Brown.

University vice-president and provost Brett Fairburn says $9 million to $13.5 million will need to be cut every year, per year until 2015. Officials have said that they will present budget cut plans to the board of governors, which includes Brown, sometime soon.

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Abortion issue

Tory MP calls for law to protect unborn fetuses from 'bullying'

A Conservative MP says anti-bullying initiatives across the country should also protect fetuses.

Maurice Vellacott, who represents the Saskatchewan riding of Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, says abortion procedures are far worse than any schoolyard or neighbourhood bullying.

He calls it the "cruellest of ironies" that there's no protection in Canada for fetuses at any stage of pregnancy.

"In this case, it's in every case a terminal victim as a result of the bullying that occurs," Vellacott said in an interview Thursday.

"It seems almost too obvious to state, but it's bullying in the worst degree."

Vellacott has long advocated for laws to protect fetuses. He joins fellow Tory caucus member Stephen Woodworth in calling for a public re-examination of the abortion issue — something Prime Minister Stephen Harper opposes.

Harper has said he will not vote in favour of Woodworth's parliamentary bid to have a House of Commons committee study the legal definition of when a fetus becomes a human being.

Bullying, meanwhile, has become a major public policy issue for provinces and school boards across the country, particularly when it is spurred on by homophobia. New Brunswick this week introduced anti-bullying legislation, and Ontario has a hotly debated bill before the legislature.

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Web series' profanity, drug use create a stir

Gunderson, the title character from the web series of the same name, rides his bike through his hometown of Yorkton. Gunderson is played by Tyson Off, who, along with longtime friend Daniel Redenbach, co-wrote and co-produced the web series. SUPPLIED/DANIEL REDENBACH

Gunderson. Saskatchewan-based creators, who received about $8,000 in grants, are not afraid of controversy

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The Saskatchewan-based comedy web series Gunderson, launched early April, is starting to cause a stir throughout the province.

But creators and co-writers Daniel Redenbach and Tyson Off aren't too worried about causing a little controversy.

"We're not trying to be offensive," said Redenbach. "It's not surprising that people are taken aback by it. But I don't think those people are the audience we are trying to reach."

The 10-episode series follows the daily life of the title character in his hometown of Yorkton, where both Redenbach and Off are from. Tackling a variety of issues facing youth living in smaller communities in Saskatchewan, the duo pushes boundaries by writing gratuitous drug use, sex and swearing — lots and lots of swearing — into the scripts.

"Growing up in Yorkton was kind of hard," said Redenbach. "We were always interested in the arts and there were no real outlets for the things we were interested in.

"We're poking fun at ourselves, really. This is a reflection of that," he said. "You always want to blame it on the place, but as we grew older we realized that's not the case."

Redenbach said that airing on the web, rather than television, lets them loosen the reins on what they could get away with.

"It makes blurring the line between fiction and reality easier."

Recently, the long-term friends took heat from Saskatoon radio personality John Gormley, who referred to the character as "some very white, profane child," on Twitter.

"It's a testament to the power of the video and social media and what it all can do," said Redenbach about the Twitter conversation. "We got his attention. As far as we are concerned, that's mission accomplished."

Despite the snarky attitudes and raunchy jokes within the series, Redenbach and Off take the project seriously and want to be recognized as professionals.

To check it out...

- You can find the series online at Gunderson.tv. The next episode is set to be released May 28.

They were granted nearly $8,000 in money from the Saskatchewan Arts Board and the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit to produce the series. Their music videos and web shorts are funded through other means.

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Robert Kennedy Jr.

Estranged Kennedy wife killed self

The Kennedy family was grieving again Thursday after the estranged wife of Robert Kennedy Jr. hanged herself at her home.

Mary Richardson Kennedy, 52, an architect known for her philanthropic and environmental work, who also faced drug and alcohol charges in recent years, was found dead Wednesday.

The Westchester County medical examiner's office said after an autopsy Thursday that Kennedy died of asphyxiation due to hanging. A person familiar with the investigation into her death said authorities concluded that her death was a suicide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mary Richardson Kennedy
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Iran nuclear talks

U.S. prepared to attack Iran if necessary

The U.S. has plans in place to attack Iran if necessary to prevent it from developing nuclear weapons, Washington's envoy to Israel said, days ahead of a crucial round of nuclear talks with Tehran.

Dan Shapiro's message resonated Thursday beyond the closed forum in which it was made: Iran should not test Washington's resolve to act on its promise to strike if diplomacy and sanctions fail to pressure Tehran to abandon its disputed nuclear program. Shapiro said the U.S. hopes it will not have to resort to military force. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China

Fugitive sentenced

The man once considered China's most-wanted fugitive, Lai Changxing, was sentenced to life in prison Friday for running a large-scale smuggling operation that paid off scores of Chinese government officials, state media said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quebec leaders debate crucial emergency bill

Student protest. New legislation condemned by student leaders as politicians seek to curb violent demonstrations

Emergency legislation aimed at stamping out a turbulent student crisis in Quebec contains provisions for heavy fines for students and their federations.

An individual faces fines of between $1,000 and $5,000 for preventing someone from entering an educational institution.

The penalties climb to between $7,000 and $35,000 for a student leader and to between $25,000 and $125,000 for unions or student federations.

In all cases, the fines will double for repeat offenders.

Bill 78 also lays out strict regulations governing student demonstrations, including giving eight hours notice for protest itineraries.

As details of the legislation emerged Thursday night, demonstrators took to the streets of Montreal for their daily protest against the Charest government's plan to hike tuition fees.

Some protesters tried to block access to both ends of a tunnel on a busy thoroughfare, forcing authorities to order them back onto a nearby street.

If passed on Friday, the Charest government's law would also pause the current academic session for striking students and have it resume in August.

Premier Jean Charest is hoping the measures restore order after three months of student walkouts and demonstrations that have turned increasingly violent.

"We hold the conviction that this decision is important — not only for our young people, but for the future of the Quebec people," he told the legislature earlier on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"This decision is important — not only for our young people, but for the future of Quebec people."

Quebec Premier Jean Charest

Lithuanians rally in the rain

Protesters rally outside the Presidential Palace in Vilnius after riot police helped a mother regain custody of her 8-year-old daughter. The protesters tried to prevent the police from carrying out a 5-month-old court order saying the mother should regain custody of her daughter. Many Lithuanians in the southern town of Garliava violently opposed the order because they allege the girl's mother, Laimute Stankunaite, is part of a pedophile ring. LIUSJENAS KULBIS /THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Windsor. Diamond swallower still in custody

Police in Windsor, Ont., say the story of a man who allegedly swallowed a $20,000 diamond is gaining international attention.

It's been nearly a week since Richard Mackenzie Matthews, 52, is alleged to have switched a diamond at Precision Jewellers and swallowed the real one.

Matthews has been held at police headquarters while they wait for the 1.7-carat stone to pass through his system. Sgt. Brett Corey says Matthews has gone to the washroom numerous times, but the diamond hasn't passed.

Corey says a recent X-ray showed a pair of fake diamonds, or cubic zirconiums, stuck in the man's intestines but because a diamond is translucent, it isn't visible. He says the suspect is eager to get the ordeal over with and is co-operating. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Miss Universe. Transgender contestant makes history

Jenna Talackova has become the first transgendered contestant to compete at the Miss Universe Canada pageant.

The Vancouver beauty, who was born a man but underwent sex-change surgery four years ago, is among 62 contenders vying for the crown.

It all started Thursday night with a swimwear and evening gown contest in front of a panel of 15 judges and a live audience in downtown Toronto.

The panel includes designers Colin McAllister and Justin Ryan of HGTV's Home Heist, The Kennedys actress Kristin Booth and singer Kreesha Turner.

The Miss Universe Canada winner will be crowned Saturday.

Talackova has drawn the bulk of media attention so far, attracting an entourage of reporters and photographers at various public events in recent days.

She's taken the scrutiny in stride, even lobbing a jab at pageant owner Donald Trump when asked how she feels about his involvement.

"Well, he has great pageant hair already," she quipped during a visit to a Toronto school earlier this week.

Miss Universe Canada 2011 is Chelsae Durocher of Tecumseh, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Nine arrested in anti-corruption haul

Montreal's "right-hand man" had handcuffs slapped on Thursday.

Frank Zampino, the powerful former number two to Montreal's mayor, was among nine people arrested and charged in a major police anti-corruption haul.

Those arrested included municipal officials and construction-industry players in connection with a massive alleged fraud in a public contract worth more than $300 million.

The suspected scheme was relatively simple: municipal officials are accused of slipping privileged information, like technical specifications, to a construction company competing for a public contract, in exchange for financial benefit.

Those accused of leaking the details were well-rewarded, according to police: "We're talking about monetary advantages and gifts," said provincial police Insp. Denis Morin.

The raft of arrests is among the biggest against alleged corruption in a province that has been awash in scandals for several years.

The string of scandals began about four years ago, with reports about activities at Montreal's city hall, and it has culminated in a provincial corruption inquiry set to start next week.

Wearing a hoodie and sunglasses, Zampino was brought out of his house in cuffs this morning and taken into police custody. Prominent construction magnate Paolo Catania was detained at Montreal's Trudeau airport.

Zampino was the chair of the city's executive committee — essentially the head of the local equivalent of a cabinet. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arrests

- The province's police anti-corruption unit had its first major bust last month, arresting 14 people including construction bigwig Tony Accurso.
- It also detained politically connected players in an alleged scheme involving kickbacks and bribes in exchange for advantages in the awarding of public-works contracts.

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North Korea finally gets a real voice

Escape from tyranny. The few who have managed to get out of the dictatorship are working hard to tell what it's like inside

Shin In Geun was born in a North Korean prison camp. Song Byeok served the regime as a propaganda artist. Both have fled — and are exposing North Korea's regime.

"We were beaten whenever the guards felt like it," Shin tells Metro. "I saw people beaten to death, starving to death and publicly executed."

Shin's torso is covered with scars from torture. His ankles bear scars from having been hung upside down. Part of his right middle finger is missing: prison guards cut it off as punishment.

"In the prison camp, you can't trust anyone," he explains. "You have to be cruel to survive. If you report a fellow inmate to the guards, you get his food. And because you're always starved, of course you do."

Shin even saw his mother and brother executed after they tried to escape. He had denounced them.

Shin, now 29, is the only person born in a North Korean prison camp known to have escaped. Now he lives in California and South Korea, and is determined to tell the world about the immense cruelty of North Korea's Kim regime. "I don't know whether speaking out will change anything," he says. "But I can't do nothing."

Quoted

"You have to be cruel to survive. If you report a fellow inmate to the guards, you get his food ration. And because you're always hungry, of course you do."

Shin In Geun

His life has been chronicled in a new book, Escape From Camp 14.

Song Byeok was one of the brutal regime's propaganda artists. "I didn't know the truth about North Korea being a closed society," he tells Metro. "I respected and admired the political leaders." But when mass starvation hit the country, Song discovered the true face of the regime.

"My father and I had to go to China to get rice because my family didn't have any food. My father drowned when we tried to cross the Temen river. I couldn't find his body and asked the North Korean border guards to help, but instead they arrested me and put me in prison."

Today Song is a fierce opponent of 29-year-old dictator Kim Jong Un, using his artistic skills to make posters mocking North Korea. "I want to tell people around the world how North Koreans live, and how different their lives are from what people in other countries take for granted," he explains. "I can't understand how North Korea can continue to survive."

In fact, the regime may not survive much longer. "News is increasingly leaking into the North through short-wave radio broadcasts and illegal international phone calls," explains Tim Peters, a Seoul-based pastor who helps North Koreans escape. "Coming from a society in which it is virtual suicide to speak out, brave defectors like Song and Shin do a great service to their countrymen.

"And disenchantment with the third generation of leadership in North Korea is on the rise. Refugees tell us that most people are fed up, but they also know that voicing such dissatisfaction can mean long-term imprisonment, if not worse."

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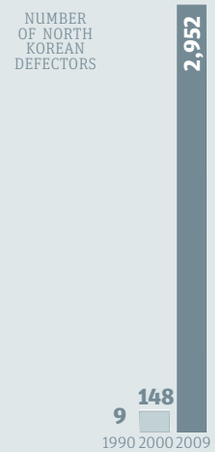
Once a North Korean propagandist, Song Byeock now uses his art to educate people about North Korea. CONTRIBUTED

Escaping the North



Culture shock. Defectors must go to school to adapt to new life in South Korea

To date, some 25,000 North Koreans have fled to South Korea. "Upon arrival, all refugees have to undergo a rigorous interrogation process to determine if they're telling the truth," explains Tim Peters, who has helped numerous North Koreans escape.

Defectors are then brought to a "model town" where they learn the life skills necessary in a modern society: opening a bank account, living in an automated society — and they get their teeth fixed. To prevent kidnappings by North Korean security services, the centre is surrounded by barbed wire.

"The defectors go from the Middle Ages to one of the most highly developed societies on Earth," observes Blaine Harden, author of Escape From Camp 14. But life in the South can be hard. "Defectors run into many 'glass ceilings' in the South," says Peters. "To avoid discrimination, many Northerners move quickly to erase their heavy Northern dialects."

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Family business

Regime still in firm control

How has North Korea changed since the death of Kim Jong Il?

Kim Jong Un isn't relaxing control of society, but he's more accessible than his father was. He even gave a speech recently, while his father almost never spoke in public. In his speech, he highlighted the need for peace, but also said that national prestige was more important. And he promised that the regime would never again ask North Koreans to tighten their belts. The question is how he'll deliver on that promise. He has also been much more aggressive towards the South.

Hope

"The children of the elite have things like DVDs and see that life is better in the South."

Dr. John Swenson-Wright, Asia expert, explaining how change will have to come to the North from within.

Is there any evidence that support of the regime is changing?

The only people who have access to information from the outside are the children of the elite in Pyongyang, who have things like DVDs from South Korea and can see that life is better there. And among this group there's a realization that business engagement with the outside world is necessary. But, unless the regime collapses, there's not going to be a mass exodus to the South.

DR. JOHN SWENSON-WRIGHT
Asia expert, Chatham House

Cross-border shopping's cost misunderstood?

Duty. Economist believes as much as 10% of transportable goods are bought Stateside

Cross-border shopping is costing the Canadian economy much more than believed and new rules raising duty-free limits will only make matters worse, says a new report by the Bank of Montreal.

The assessment of costs comes from the bank's deputy chief economist, Doug Porter, in his latest price-gap comparison between consumer goods in Canada and the United States.

Porter said Thursday that although the price gap has narrowed to 14 per cent on average from the 20 per cent he found in last spring's survey, the cross-border shopping phenomenon appears to be intensifying.

"There are already more than 50 million visits to the U.S. by Canadian residents annually ... (and) those numbers are poised to swell when Ottawa increases the duty- and tax-free limits on June 1," he said.

As part of March's budget, next month will see the duty-free limit on stays longer than 24 hours rise to $200 from $50, while the limit on stays longer than 48 hours rises to $800 from the current two-tiered levels of $400 and $750, depending on the length of stay.

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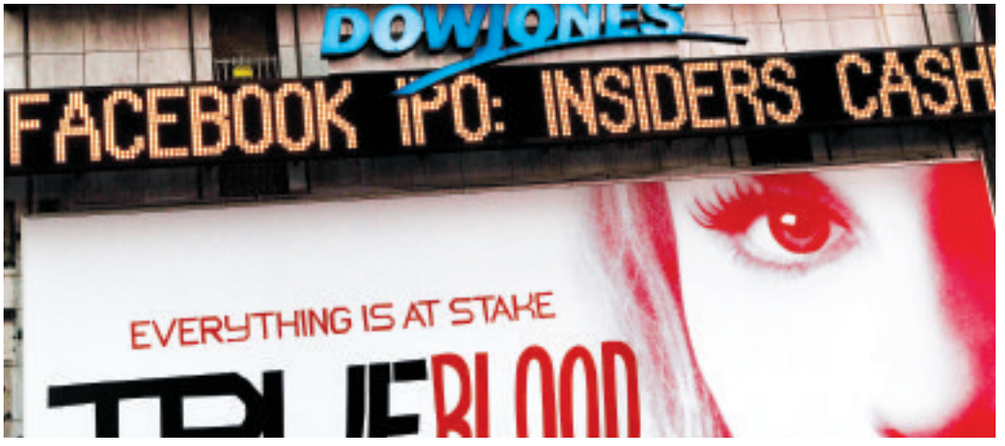
Canada-U.S. price gap

The new survey of consumer goods by the Bank of Montreal suggests the gap has narrowed, in part because this week the Canadian dollar has been trading slightly below par, while during last spring's survey the loonie was worth $1.02 US.

- Magazines were on average 17 per cent more expensive in Canada and running shoes as much as 37 per cent more.



Keeping an eye on the IPO

The news ticker in New York's Times Square carries a headline about Facebook's initial public offering (IPO). Facebook priced its IPO at $38 per share on Thursday, which values the company at around $104 billion, slightly more than Amazon.com, and well above well-known corporations such as Disney and Kraft. Facebook's stock is expected to begin trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market sometime Friday morning. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Recycling

Save your butts, new program urges

Instead of tossing cigarette butts into landfills, a new recycling program will see the pervasive litter turned into something useful: industrial pallets and charitable donations.

"It's revolutionary," TerraCycle's communications manager Denise Barnard said about their new program. "It's the first in Canada."

The program will compost the organic parts, which include the paper and remaining tobacco. The rest will be recycled into pallets and other items for industrial use. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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1 **The day the disco died:** Donna Summer succumbs to cancer at 63. She worked hard for the money. Maybe too hard.

2 **Time Magazine gross-out:** This week's cover finds the line and stomps all over it. A three-year-old kid stands feeding at his mom's breast while they both look at the camera. Most of us have to live down cute naked baby pictures, but this kid? Cue the life-long therapy.

3 **Gay president:** Barack Obama endorses gay marriage, which proves he's a liberal. Just see him try to deny it. Now that we've got that out of the way, he can finally go back to bailing out the good ship USA, which is almost under water.

4 **Pepsi Challenge:** Pepsi is desperately clinging to the ledge, so it's reviving the Pepsi Challenge. My brown sugary fizzy water tastes better than your brown sugary fizzy water. And your point is?

5 **No bad jobs:** Announcing that there's no such thing as a bad job, federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has his let-them-eat-cake moment. Tell that to a guy who spent nine years in med school while he's squeezing the mop into the bucket. Better yet, give the bucket and the mop to Jim Flaherty.

6 **Greece vs. the students of Quebec:** Entitlement smackdown. You really can have it all, but only if someone else is willing to foot the bill. Evidence to the contrary, Greeks and students continue to believe in the sugar-daddy.

7 **Ode to Rebekah Brooks:** Rupert Murdoch's former Attack Editor is charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice in the U.K. phone hacking scandal. After years of ruining peoples' lives by exposing them to yellow journalism, she's getting a taste of her own medicine: the reporters are now hiding in her bushes. In the immortal words of Bob Dylan: How does it feel? How does it feel? To be on your own? Like a complete unknown?

8 **According to Forbes:** Jennifer Lopez is the world's most influential celebrity. You've come a long way from the 'hood, Jenny. But at 42, your bootylicious days are numbered, bolstered only by Botox. Maybe you could get a talk show, like number 2 Oprah, whose influence is waning on her OWN. Of course, you're going to have to learn to speak in full sentences for that.

Cue the therapy for the kid star of Time's controversial cover. TIME/AP

Haircut to Buddhism

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Becoming a monk

Economy holds tradition back

Sri Lankan Buddhist monks prepare to shave the head of 12-year-old Pasindu, before ordaining him as a monk at a temple in Colombo, Sri Lanka on Thursday.

Buddhism is Sri Lanka's state religion, but the age-old tradition of youngsters being ordained is on the decline largely due to economic reasons.

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Pasindu carries a robe as he is ordained as a Buddhist monk on Thursday.
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Earlier this week

- His Holiness the Dalai Lama received the 2012 Templeton Prize, the international award that honours people who "affirm life's spiritual dimension" from the John Templeton Foundation on Monday.
- On Sunday, it was reported the Dalai Lama alleged Chinese agents trained Tibetan women to assassinate him by planting poison in their hair for him to touch during blessings.

Metropolitan Panel

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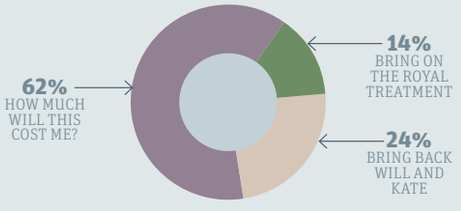
What do you think about Charles and Camilla's planned trip to Canada?



Twitter

@cexner: #yxe needs a good take-out deli. I could really go for a good sandwich.

@robinmowat: I didn't know #yxe buses even accepted pennies. Now that I know, I have nine days to get rid of three jars of pennies!

@anna_beth_zee: @boomergirl50 London 2012 team is set. #CFF #GoTeamSaskGo @SKFencingAssoc #yxe Time to celebrate our teams heading to London.

@RealChrisCote: Hey guys, especially you #YQR, #YXE and #NYC folks, if you aren't following my buddy @WillArdell yet, do so now. #GreatMusician

@sask_grl_66: Had to get my Timmies fix! Now to get on with my day! First on the list is cleaning! BORING!! But it's got 2 b done!

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Rihanna proves she should stick to singing in Battleship. HANDOUT

Reel Guys sink Battleship

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Shock and awful.

Vapid action movie proves board games should remain a cottage pastime

Richard: Mark, what's next, Jenga: This Time It's Personal? I wasn't sure how they could possibly turn a board game into a movie, and now that I've seen it I'm convinced that it can't be done — very well, at least. Two-plus hours of soulless claptrap and joyless cacophony of twisted metal, AC/DC songs and angry aliens does not a movie make. I'd like to suggest a new title, Shock and Awful.

Mark: Finally, a film for people who found Battle for Los Angeles too full of plot and character development. Rarely have I sat through such a numbing experience of every one of my senses. But if it's senseless action you're into, let me recommend you come to the movie 27 minutes late. All you'll miss is the idiotic backstory, moronic dialogue and cretinous acting that gets in the way of things that go boom.

RC: Couldn't agree more, although I think if you are going to see this movie, go for the whole thing. That way by the time the movie gets to the attack, you'll are so tired of the Hopper Brothers (Kitsch and Alexander Skarsgård), the stoic admiral (Liam "Paycheque" Neeson) and his daughter Sam (Brooklyn Decker) that you'll pray the aliens (big lizard-eyed creatures in Iron Man drag) will make short work of the bunch of them so you can leave the theatre and do something productive with your time. It'll give you a sense of purpose, which otherwise this movie doesn't have.

MB: And what is Liam Neeson doing in this movie? He has 18 bad lines and he delivers them with the enthusiasm of a man covering his gambling debts. Note to Liam: any time a movie is produced by Hasbro, it may not be a career move, sir. And I found it sadly funny that the point of the movie, which is to extol the virtues of the navy, is undercut by the ending which needs to bring in the Air Force to finish the job. Probably accurate, though.

RC: None of the actors shine. Taylor Kitsch blands it up and Rihanna continues the grand tradition of singers-turned-actors who should stick to music.

MB: The movie is one long action sequence, and the scenes are competently shot. But without characters to care about, and some level of professional dialogue, it was just Transformers meets Waterworld, and that's a combination that's — forgive me, Richard — all wet.

Synopsis

Based on the Hasbro board game Battleship, the movie begins when scientists discover a nearby planet with an atmosphere similar to Earth. When they make contact, instead of a 'hi-how-are-ya,' they are greeted with a full-on alien invasion. The only person standing between them is Lieutenant Alex Hopper (Taylor Kitsch), an undisciplined officer unwillingly thrust into power.

- Richard:
- Mark:

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Taylor Swift puts money to music

Taylor Swift has taught a generation of kids to appreciate country music over the last five years. Now, she's donating $4 million to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum to make sure that education continues. The gift is the largest given to the museum by an artist and is the second largest from an individual, officials said. It will fund the Taylor Swift Education Center, an exhibit and classroom space scheduled to open in 2014. "In terms of what it will allow us to do, we do education very well now," museum director Kyle Young said. "It will allow us to do what we do better, serve more people, develop new programs."

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On the web

CSI creator Zuiker turns to cybercrime, shooting online film in Hamilton

NEED A RIDE?
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Dafoe heads Down Under to stalk tigers

The Hunter. Actor plays a mercenary sent by a biotech company to hunt a sacred animal — that may or may not be extinct

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Filming The Hunter was far from a cinematic cakewalk for Willem Dafoe, who was forced to endure the Tasmanian wilderness and even a tumultuous blizzard. But the versatile actor wouldn't have it any other way.

"Who wants to make an easy movie?" the two-time Oscar-nominated film veteran quipped while promoting the drama. "You want to make good movies and hope they come gracefully, but easy usually doesn't lend itself well to making interesting things."

Always on the lookout for challenging roles, The Hunter casts Dafoe as a mercenary sent Down Under by a biotech corporation to hunt the assumed-to-be extinct Tasmanian tiger — considered sacred by locals.

"You hear of Tasmanian devils and that cartoon character pops into your head. I'm embarrassed to say I knew very little about it," laughed Dafoe, admitting he wasn't originally sure if the creature was even historically real.

"There are sightings all the time because I think people hope that there's some sign that they can recapture something of the past that's been destroyed by colonization and development."

While his character in The Hunter (in theatres April 13) struggles with the morality and demands of the wilderness and landscape, Dafoe insists it's not necessarily the message of any film that attracts him but strictly the strength of the role.

"The questions that are raised in the film — I don't know those," said Dafoe. "I'm always attracted to being the odd man out — this is a very Australian story and I play a foreigner; I play the guy from out of town that comes in and that's an interesting place to be in the function of a film because you become the go-between between the audience and this world."

Eyes on the prize: Dafoe's character struggles to deal with the wilderness as he searches for the Tasmanian tiger. The Hunter opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Comedy

What to Expect When You're Expecting

Director. Kirk Jones

Stars. Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez

The problem with big ensemble comedies that weave five stories within its frame is that no single tale ever gets involved enough for true engagement. In What to Expect, this quintuplet of couples struggle through all the clichéd contrivances of childbirth. As such, the comedy placates to the played-out parental mindset with predictable reassurance, making this one baby without any real teeth.

STEVE GOW

Documentary

Jiro Dreams of Sushi

Director. David Gelb

Stars. Jiro Ono

Jiro Ono is widely regarded as the world's greatest sushi maker, but unlike his famous Western celeb-chef contemporaries, he has no desire for the spotlight: his Michelin-starred sushi bar is located in a Tokyo subway station. David Gelb's affectionate, precisely edited portrait touches on some larger issues about Japanese culture — particularly the inheritance of talent and legacy from father to son — but it's best viewed as a showcase for Jiro's sumptuous-looking dishes.

ADAM NAYMAN

Quoted

"I took the time, with each scene, to work with the actors, giving them notes...When the camera was rolling, I was talking constantly. I never shut my mouth. It was pretty annoying to hear that in the editing and probably also for the actors."

Quebec filmmaker Xavier Dolan on executive producing, directing, screenwriting, editing and even costume designing for his new film, Laurence Anyways
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Johnny Depp plays a vampire in Tim Burton's Dark Shadows. HANDOUT

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METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Russell Brand

Russell Brand opens up about ex-wife Katy Perry

When it comes to Russell Brand's marriage to Katy Perry — which he ended suddenly after 14 months — there are no hard feelings, at least as far as Brand is concerned. "I was very happy to be married with her. She's such a beautiful human being and I just have only love and positivity for her," Brand tells Ellen DeGeneres in an interview. "But, sometimes when you're in a relationship I suppose it doesn't work out, does it? But that doesn't mean I regret it or anything."

Quoted

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Kristen Stewart

Kristen Stewart can't wait to work with her beau again

Kristen Stewart, who met boyfriend Robert Pattinson while co-starring in the Twilight films, is eager to get together with him on screen again. "I'm dying to make another movie with Rob, I think that we're a good team," she tells Celebuzz. But are they open to teaming up for the movie version of Fifty Shades of Grey, the hit romance novel that was inspired by their Twilight characters? "I think whatever it is needs to be so ridiculously ambitious," she says.

The Word

Channing Tatum takes it off again

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Before his impossibly square jaw and superhero-grade shoulders were landing him movie roles, Channing Tatum was a stripper — not that he's shy about it.

His new film, Magic Mike, is loosely based on his former gig, and he wants everyone to see it, not just those who would have killed to play his little spoon in The Vow.

"With Joe Manganiello naked in a movie, I think even straight guys are going to be, 'S—t, I need to see that,'" the actor tells OUT's June/July issue of his costar. "That man is a specimen." (Go ahead — this one is worth the Google break.)

But while he's never tried to hide the fact that he was an exotic dancer, Tatum admits he prefers his new job to stripteasing. "You are on a stage with people yelling at you, and you feel you're a rock star, but you're nothing — you're just a guy taking off his clothes, looking like a fool in a stupid outfit."

We would point out that he essentially did the same exact thing in "Dear John," but there was than scene where he squinted in a field for awhile.

Jennifer Lopez ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Jennifer Lopez says goodbye to American Idol

Jennifer Lopez is stepping down as a judge on American Idol, leaving the reality show that helped revitalize her career, according to E! News. "There is just too much going on for her right now," a source says of the singer, who is embarking on a summer tour that conflicts with the show's taping schedule. Lopez is also working on a new album and has more film projects on the horizon. "She regrets she can't stay on the show," the source adds.

John Travolta

Travolta fiasco continues to unfold

The first unidentified man to accuse John Travolta of sexual assault — who parted ways with his lawyer after his case seemed to unravel — has hired Gloria Allred as his new attorney, according to People magazine. "I represent John Doe Number One," Gloria Allred tells the magazine. "Mr. Doe's lawsuit was dismissed without prejudice which means that he is still legally entitled to file another lawsuit against John Travolta if he chooses. We are in the process of conferring with him regarding the next steps, which he may wish to take."

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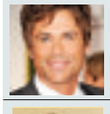

@RobLowe
Just landed. Ready to attack some Parisian cuisine. There will be NO austerity! #France

@Schwarzenegger
Taking off from L.A. to New Orleans. Excited to see Sly and start working on The Tomb. You will be hearing more from me soon!

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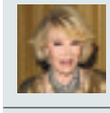

@Joan_Rivers
Tom Cruise gave a candid interview in the June issue of Playboy magazine, which I assume he truly DOES read only for the articles.

3 LIFE

Superfood

Plum perfect

Shaped like a golf ball, plums have been hailed as the new superfood stars, overtaking berries with their astonishing array of health benefits. They contain high levels of vitamin C, ensuring a healthy immune system and their skin is a mine of antioxidants, the molecules that can help slow down or prevent the production of free radicals. Plums are fat-free and low in calories, help to promote a healthy digestive track and the absorption of iron. Their consumption has also been liked to the lowered risk of macular degeneration, age-related vision loss.

METRO WORLD NEWS

On the web

Mario Batali and family take the food stamp challenge to protest cuts for poor Americans

Can you top this?

As pancake toppings go, maple syrup is swell and certainly traditional, if not particularly inspired. This long weekend, take time out to add new life to your pancakes with these creative alternatives.

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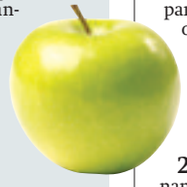
Apples



1. Sauté apple slices with butter and sugar, then spoon them over the pancakes. Sprinkle with toasted pecans, then drizzle with dulce de leche. **(FROM DAISY MARTINEZ, AUTHOR OF DAISY: MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT)**

2. Simmer chunks of peeled apple in brandy until very tender, then spoon over the pancakes. Top with sour cream or creme fraiche spiked with ground cardamom, nutmeg or cinnamon. **(FROM SARA KATE GILLINGHAM-RYAN, FOUNDING EDITOR OF THE WEBSITE APARTMENT THERAPY: THE KITCHN)**

Bananas

1. Make banana syrup by slicing and microwaving an overripe (black) banana until very soft and syrupy. Spoon over pancakes with a dollop of Greek-style yogurt, toasted pecans and a dash of cinnamon. **(FROM LOURDES CASTRO, AUTHOR OF SIMPLY MEXICAN)**

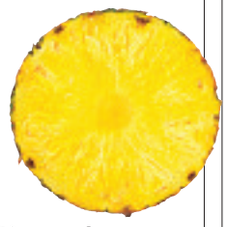
2. Sauté sliced bananas in butter with a sprinkle of brown sugar. Cook until the bananas are lightly caramelized. **(FROM DORIE GREENSPAN, AUTHOR OF AROUND MY FRENCH TABLE)**

Blueberries

1. Heat lemon curd, then drizzle it over pancakes and sprinkle with fresh blueberries. **(FROM KAREN DEMASCO, PASTRY CHEF AT LOCANDA VERDE RESTAURANT IN NEW YORK)**

2. As soon as you pour the pancake batter into the pan, top it with granola and fresh blueberries, then continue cooking as normal. **(FROM BARB STUCKEY, AUTHOR OF TASTE WHAT YOU'RE MISSING)**

3. Warm fresh blueberries or blackberries in several tablespoons of fruit syrup (such as passion fruit). Season with pinches of ground cardamom, then mix in a small handful of fresh mint leaves. **(FROM LISA YOCKELSON, AUTHOR OF BAKING STYLE: ART, CRAFT, RECIPES)**



Pineapple

1. Sauté fresh pineapple cubes in brown sugar, then deglaze the pan with a bit of coconut milk and reduce until it has a syrup-like consistency. Pour over the pancakes and top with whipped cream and toasted coconut flakes. **(FROM ROGER STETTLER, EXECUTIVE CHEF FOR THE FOUR SEASONS RESORT MAUI)**

2. Sauté sliced pears and pineapple chunks until soft. Add a squeeze or two of lemon juice, some sugar and vanilla extract. **(FROM SARABETH LEVINE OF SARABETH'S KITCHEN RESTAURANTS IN NEW YORK)**

Liquid Assets

Marry Spanish wines & BBQ

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How old do I have to be before I can feel comfortable hiring someone to mow my lawn without thinking I've got one foot in the grave?

While many of you will be opening your cottages or spending Victoria Day chilling out, I'll be performing my yearly ritual of trying to get my mower to start.

Thankfully, my barbecue works just fine so I can look forward to a feast of grilled goodness once my yelling in the garage subsides.

Whether it's a burger, steak, kabob or simple hunk of beef, odds are there will be a whole lot of red meat served this weekend.

Though difficult-to-pronounce names and dull labels haven't helped Spain's liquid popularity in Canada, there isn't a better red-producing nation making wine to pair with barbecued meats.

Bodegas Principe de Viana's 2008 Red Guitar Old Vine Tempranillo Garnacha ($12.99 to $14.99) combines Spain's two most popular grapes and wraps them in a modern Salvador Dali-esque package.

Ripe and balanced with a touch of rustic cherry/berry charm, this is one guitar that plays all the right chords. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Superfood

Pear: Notable for nutrients

Pears are a good source of vitamin C, providing a heathy amount of antioxidants in the diet. They are also a nutrient-dense food. This means they provide more nutrients per calorie than calories per nutrient. Making sure you include pears in your diet on a regular basis will ensure you get plenty of fibre, which is essential in maintaining a healthy colon and digestive track. They also contain virtually no fats.

ROMINA MCGINNESS/ METRO WORLD NEWS

NHL

Renney's time up in Edmonton

The Edmonton Oilers are parting ways with head coach Tom Renney after two seasons without a winning record.

The team made the announcement via Twitter on Thursday, saying Renney's contract will not be renewed.

Renney joined the team for the 2010-11 season and finished with an NHL-worst 25-45-12 record. This season the team barely improved with a 32-40-10 record for second-last overall.

"Tom's done some great things for our hockey club," general manager Steve Tambellini said in a video statement posted on the Oilers website. "But we felt at this time it was the right decision to make a change." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tom Renney GETTY IMAGES FILE

NBA

Spurs gain 2-0 edge with 16th-straight win

Tony Parker scored 22 points on his 30th birthday, Tim Duncan had 18 and the San Antonio Spurs beat the fading Los Angeles Clippers 105-88 on Thursday night, pushing their winning streak to 16 and taking a 2-0 lead in their Western Conference semifinal series.

Game 3 is Saturday night in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No happy ending for Canada in Helsinki

IIHF. Sloppy stretch of play costs Canada a medal at hockey worlds

Team Canada players react after Thursday loss to Slovakia in Helsinki. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seven error-filled minutes.

That's what cost Canada a shot at glory in this year's IIHF world hockey championship.

But those seven minutes against Slovakia on Thursday essentially encapsulate a stretch of Canadian hockey disappointment that has followed Sidney Crosby's golden goal at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

Two bad penalties. Key players caught out of position on a back-breaking goal. The inability to protect a lead.

These types of mistakes seem to have plagued Canadian players recently, and on Thursday, they came against a "far inferior" opponent, as general manager Kevin Lowe described Slovakia following a shocking 4-3 quarter-final loss.

"They had no business being in the game," Lowe said of the Slovaks.

Yet there they were with time ticking down. Slovakia was aware of the situation and played the role of spoiler perfectly, patiently hoping for Canada to slip up.

What happened next was nothing short of a meltdown.

First, captain Ryan Getzlaf's line with Corey Perry and Evander Kane got caught up ice when Milan Bartovic raced in and tied the game with a rebound off the rush at 13:25. Then, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins was assessed a boarding penalty. Just as Canada killed that one off, Getzlaf was given a kneeing major for an open-ice hit on Juraj Mikus at 17:28.

Four seconds later, Michal Handzus tipped home the winning goal.

"You're going with a lead in the third (period), you're up 3-2, that's got to be your bread and butter," said Canadian coach Brent Sutter. "Games are tight and you've got to be able to close the deal on them.

"We probably beat ourselves in the last seven minutes of the game with things we talked about all tournament not wanting to do."

Ultimately, that might be the most intriguing part of Canada's third straight early departure from the world championship. The team didn't encounter anything it didn't expect here. On the eve of the tournament, Lowe talked about the need to play "flawless hockey" once the do-or-die games start.

It never got there.

Canada's players seemed to grow together while winning six of seven round-robin games. There was every reason to believe they would rise to the occasion when it mattered most.

Instead, Canada played a tepid opening 10 minutes against Slovakia and quickly found itself down 2-0. It roared ahead during an inspired second period — Slovak captain Zdeno Chara said it was a "small wonder" his team survived it — but faded down the stretch.

And even though this was the youngest team Canada has ever sent to the world championship, it was Olympic and Stanley Cup champion Getzlaf who made the most crucial error with his kneeing major.

"It hurts like hell right now," he said. "I feel like I let the guys down. To be in a hard-fought game like that and play the tournament we did and lose in that fashion, it's not easy to swallow as a group." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"It's a sick way to lose. It sucks when you're in a hard-fought game like that and it comes down to that kind of play ... Tough pill to swallow right now."

Ryan Getzlaf, Team Canada captain.

Rugged Pacers throttle the Heat in Game 3

LeBron James, centre, goes to the basket against George Hill, left, and Paul George Thursday in Indianapolis. DARRON CUMMINGS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roy Hibbert had 19 points and 18 rebounds, George Hill scored 20 and Danny Granger 17 as the Indiana Pacers, showing more balance, toughness and togetherness than Miami, throttled the Heat 94-75 on Thursday night in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Overlooked during the regular season and given little chance to upset the reigning East champions, the Pacers took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Game 4 is Sunday at raucous Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

LeBron James scored 22 — 16 in the first half before wearing down — and Mario Chalmers added 25 for Miami. However, Dwyane Wade scored only 5 on 2-of-13 shooting for the Heat, already missing forward Chris Bosh because of a strained abdominal muscle and not expected to return for this series.

Game 3

Pacers	Heat
94	75

Coach Erik Spoelstra has been forced to try new things with Bosh out.

Forward Shane Battier and seldom-used centre Dexter Pittman were added to the starting five, joining James, Wade and Chalmers.

Battier got the start at small forward over struggling Udonis Haslem, and Pittman moved in for Ronny Turiaf, who started Game 2.

Before the game, Spoelstra said with Bosh out "everything is on the table." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NHL playoffs

"I think it's everything that we were anticipating really from the hockey standpoint. We expected tight games. We expected not a lot of room out there from either team, and games down to the wire."

Devils captain Zach Parise on his team's Eastern Conference final series with the New York Rangers. The best-of-seven, knotted at 1-1, moves to the Prudential Center in New Jersey for Game 3 on Saturday afternoon and Game 4 on Monday night.

Mobile news

There's no doubt Los Angeles faces an uphill battle after dropping Games 1 and 2 to the Thunder. but Kobe Bryant says his Lakers "found some things out" during the losses in Oklahoma City that will help them get back into the series at Staples Center. Scan the code for the story.

Kings defenceman Drew Doughty knocks Coyotes captain Shane Doan to the ice during Game 3 in Los Angeles Thursday night. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Kings toss Coyotes aside in Los Angeles

NHL. L.A. on cusp of Stanley Cup berth with chance to complete sweep on Sunday

Game 3

Kings	Coyotes
2	1

Dwight King scored the tie-breaking goal early in the third period, Jonathan Quick made 18 saves and the Los Angeles Kings rolled to the brink of their first Stanley Cup final in 19 years with a 2-1 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes on Thursday night.

The Kings lead the Western Conference finals 3-0.

"We wanted to have our own push in front of our own fans, show our push," said Kings forward Jarret Stoll, whose hustle set up King's goal. "It took us a while to get our own game (going), but we did, especially in the third period."

Anze Kopitar also scored to help the eighth-seeded Kings improve to 11-1 in their improbable post-season run. Despite trailing in a game for the first time since April 28, King scored his fourth goal in three games against the Coyotes, who face a deficit only three teams have overcome in NHL playoff history.

Game 4 is Sunday at Staples Center.

Mike Smith stopped 26 shots in a standout performance for the No. 3 seed Coyotes, who must win four straight to reach their first ever cup final.

Although the Kings have won eight consecutive playoff games during this rampage through the West bracket, they fell behind for the first time in nearly 18 periods when Daymond Langkow scored on a breakaway for Phoenix early in the second period. That deficit disappeared just over two minutes later on Kopitar's breakaway goal.

King came through again 1:47 into the third, beating Smith high to the glove side. The massive rookie scored two goals in the series opener and added the winner in Game 2.

In front of a long-suffering crowd enjoying its unexpected good fortune, the Kings dominated the third period in front of Quick. They forechecked relentlessly in the final minutes.

L.A. also dominated the first two games in Glendale, outshooting the Coyotes 88-51. Phoenix has had no more luck than Vancouver or St. Louis against the eight seeds, who finished two points behind the Pacific Division champion Coyotes in the regular season before steamrolling the West's Top 2 teams in a combined nine games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The rise and fall of Jays' Lind

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Adam Lind's demotion to triple-A Las Vegas seemed to come out of left field. One of the longest tenured Blue Jays, he opened the season as the first baseman and cleanup hitter. Let's take a look at the ups and downs of Lind's time with the Blue Jays:

June 7, 2004:

After being originally drafted by the Minnesota Twins two years earlier, Lind was drafted by the Blue Jays in the third round of the 2004 amateur draft.

Sept. 2, 2006:

Lind was promoted to the major leagues in September 2006, contributing right away with a hit in his first game against the Red Sox.

2009:

The breakout year came in 2009 with Lind shifting from left field to become Toronto's everyday designated hitter. He finished the season with 35 home runs, 114 RBI and an average of .305. He was awarded the Silver Slugger for top offensive player at his position.

April 3, 2010:

Following the success of his 2009 campaign, Lind signed a contract extension with the Blue Jays even though he was years away from free agency. The contract paid him $18 million over four years, plus club options for 2014-16.

2011:

While still hitting for power, Lind mostly struggled offensively for the second consecutive year. He hit .251 in 2011 while missing nearly a month with back stiffness.

May 17, 2012:

Hitting just .186 with three home runs, the Blue Jays option Lind to Las Vegas. He was just short of five years of MLB service time — at which point he could have refused a minor league assignment and elected free agency.

MLB

Jays take two from Bronx Bombers

Blue Jays youth was well served Thursday.

Drew Hutchinson, 21, showed composure well beyond his years in scattering five hits over six innings to help Toronto defeat the New York Yankees 4-1.

In just his sixth career start, Hutchison (3-1) dug himself out of a few holes. Hutchison, has allowed just two runs in his last 12 innings.

The Blue Jays (21-18) bit the bullet on Thursday, accepting Brett Lawrie's suspension and sending underperforming first baseman Adam Lind to the minors.

Yan Gomes benefited from both moves, moving up from triple-A Las Vegas. The versatile infielder-catcher was given the start at third base against the Yankees making him the first Brazilian-born player to see major league action. Gomes had two hits in his debut.

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McNamee admits his Clemens story has changed

Brian McNamee leaves court in Washington on Thursday.
HARAZ N. GHANBARI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

During another seven grueling hours of cross-examination that frustrated all sides, Roger Clemens' accuser explained the evidence he kept in a beer can — and why his story about it has changed.

Brian McNamee was on the stand Thursday for a fourth day in the perjury trial of the seven-time Cy Young Award-winning pitcher, holding firm to his testimony that he injected Clemens with steroids from 1998 to 2001 and human growth hormone in 2000.

But Clemens' longtime strength coach again conceded that his memory of some details has evolved over the years, and that he initially told some lies during the drugs-in-baseball investigation conducted by federal agents and former Sen. George Mitchell.

Whether the jurors were still keeping track is another matter: They again expressed concern about the agonizingly slow pace of a trial that has weeks to go, and the judge opined that Clemens' lawyer was "confusing everybody."

"At this pace," U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton said, "I'll guess we'll be here forever."

The day's testimony ended at a tantalizing moment. After some 19 hours on the stand, McNamee was being challenged by Hardin over the needle and other waste kept in a Miller Lite can after a steroids injection McNamee said he gave Clemens in 2001. The government is expected to show the waste contains Clemens' DNA.

McNamee indicated to Congress in 2008 that he kept the evidence primarily because he was starting to distrust Clemens, but he told the jury earlier this week he kept it because his wife started nagging him to protect himself from being a fall guy in case he ever got caught.

McNamee said Thursday he had hoped to keep his wife out of the story. His change of heart came as he and his wife are going through a contentious divorce.

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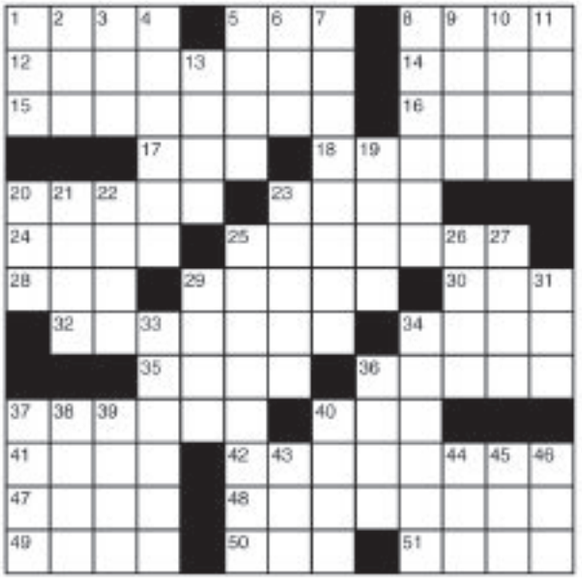
Crossword

Across

1 Milky gemstone
5 Pal in Paris
8 Radiate
12 Phone option
14 Hitchcock tour de force
15 Percussion instrument
16 Guitars' kin
17 Cattle call
18 User
20 Book of maps
23 Hi-tech journal
24 Meadows
25 Galley type
28 Omega preceder
29 Belief in natural religion
30 Mimic
32 Neptune's spear
34 A Great Lake
35 Fill till full
36 Sweater style
37 Water-carved gully
40 Journey segment
41 Apply finger paints
42 Home of the steel drum
47 Tulsa's st.
48 Recondite
49 Crystal gazer
50 Illuminated
51 Nitwit

Down

1 1-Across' mo.
2 Standard
3 "The Greatest"
4 Andean herd
5 Jason's ship
6 Wire measure
7 Imprac-tical one
8 Deep-seated ill will
9 Trickster god
10 Oil cartel
11 Into the sunset
13 Grandson of Eve
19 Campus quarters
20 Matterhorn, for one
21 Criterion
22 Den
23 Saline solution
25 Abstain from alcohol
26 Stallion's companion
27 Grand story
29 Crucial time
31 "A mouse!"
33 Weather-map line
34 Surround
36 Outlet
37 Commotions
38 Croupier's tool
39 Hold the scepter
40 Roster
43 Hitter's stat
44 Twosome
45 Cleo's slayer
46 Fourth letter



Sudoku

	2						1	
	9	1		4		8	7	
3			1		6			2
		3	8		7	9		
		5	3		4	7		
7			6		2			5
	8	6		7		1	3	
	5						6	

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	2	3	7	5	1	8	9	4
1	5	4	8	6	9	3	7	2
9	7	8	4	3	2	1	6	5
2	8	7	5	1	4	6	3	9
4	1	9	3	2	6	5	8	7
3	6	5	9	8	7	2	4	1
5	9	1	6	7	8	4	2	3
8	4	2	1	9	3	7	5	6
7	3	6	2	4	5	9	1	8

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

O U C BAKYBA ECGHFY OG ZRYM UYORJIPM CJI LYRLCYOFKG, O'I ACZR HF GCM AR'G C ERFEPR ECYGFJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OME SMALL POOCHES CARRY AROUND ELECTRICAL FITTINGS, YOU MIGHT SAY THAT PUGS LUG PLUGS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals P

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You will have to start dealing with the consequences of your actions over the past few weeks.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Some people may complain that they've not got the breaks they deserved, but that cuts no ice with you.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You must adopt a positive attitude over the next 24 hours.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. It may seem as if you are moving in the opposite direction to everyone else but why should that worry you?

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You don't usually pay attention to conspiracy theories but what happens over the next few days will make you wonder if maybe there is something going on, something you should know about.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Check the facts today, in all situations, because it could be the case that someone is hoping to mislead you.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You will be on the move over the next few days and there is no telling where you will end up come Monday morning!

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Try not to take anything too seriously today. If you do you will quickly get annoyed when people you work or do business with try to undermine what you've accomplished.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. There may be all sorts of bad things going on in the world but none of them is your fault.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Your time will come – and very soon.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Something good will happen today, something that makes you glad to be alive. Most likely the universe is paying you back for some of the helpful things you have done for other people. SALLY BROMPTON

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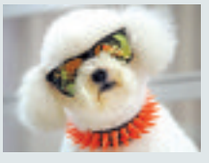

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